IPAC
Intra-governmental Payment and Collection System

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Background

- The Intra-governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) System was implemented on December 3, 2001

- IPAC is an internet based system that replaced several applications on the DOS based Government On-line Accounting Link System (GOALS- I)

- Applications that IPAC replaced:
  1. On-line Payment & Collection System (OPAC)
  2. Retirement Insurance Transfer System (RITS)
  3. Treasury Receivables Accounting & Collection System (TRACS)
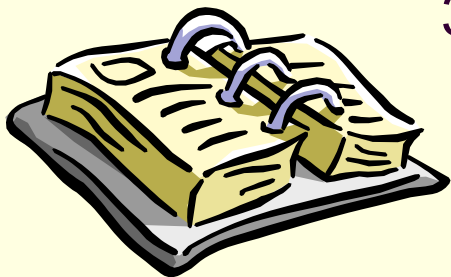
Applications Replaced by IPAC

On-line Payment & Collection System (OPAC)

- Used by agencies to send and receive intra-governmental transactions through GOALS I

Retirement Insurance Transfer System (RITS)

- Used by agencies to transfer retirement, insurance and health benefit information to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Treasury Receivables Accounting & Collection System (TRACS)

- Streamlines the reimbursement check claims process to Federal agencies

IPAC System Requirements

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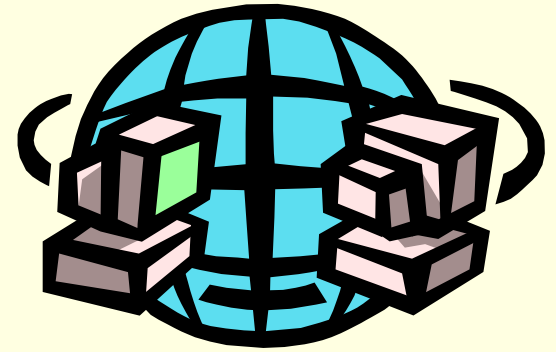
- Browser Requirements
  - 128-bit encryption
  - Netscape version 4.0, 4.08 or 4.7x
  - Internet Explorer version 4.0, 5.0, 5.5 or 6.0
  - Browser must have cookies enabled

- Software to view Portable Document Format (PDF) files

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# Current IPAC Required Fields
Payment and Collection Transactions

- ALC Contact Name
- Contact Phone #
- Contact Email Address
- Originating ALC
- Customer ALC
- Amount
- Obligating Doc. #

- Purchase Order #
- Invoice #
- Pay Flag
- Quantity
- Unit Price
- Unit of Issue
- Detail Amount
- Receiver Dept. Code

Improvements Over OPAC

- Internet application
- Enhanced reports
- Longer data retention
- Additional required fields
- Bulk transmission options
- Automated requests
- Additional user roles
- On-line enrollment

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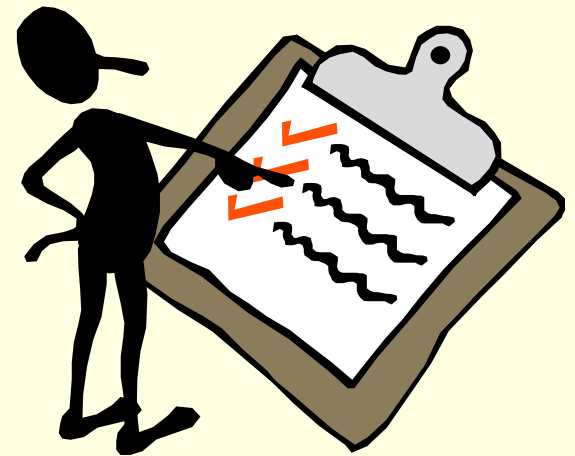
IPAC Statistics
December 2001 – April 2003

Transaction Count				
Payment	**Collection**	**Adjustment**	**Zero Dollar**	**Total**
228,615	**967,508**	**36,183**	**1,214**	**1,233,520**

Total Funds Moved by Transaction Type			
Payment	**Collection**	**Adjustment**	**Total**
$26,155,819,014,425	**$26,187,941,915,691**	**$10,821,031,329**	**$52,354,581,961,445**

Upcoming Changes

- Support FMS' Governmentwide Accounting Project (GWA)

- Support Intra-governmental Transaction Elimination Efforts

- Interface with OMB's Intra-governmental Transaction Project (IGTP)
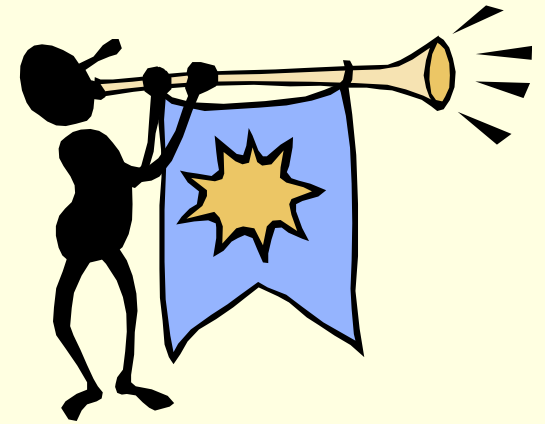
GWA Project
Agency Impact

Treasury Account Symbol (TAS)

- Expands from 21 positions to 27 positions
- All IPAC transactions will be required to have both sender and receiver TAS'

Business Event Type Code (BETC)

- IPAC will add new fields to collect both the sender and receiver BETC on every detail record
- All IPAC transactions will be required to have both sender and receiver BETC's

GWA Project
IPAC System Impact

Eliminate interface with current Central Accounting System (STAR)

IPAC currently sends a file to STAR on a monthly basis that contains all IPAC transaction activity for the month

- IPAC will send a <u>daily</u> file to GWA instead of a monthly file to STAR

- Agencies will continue to perform their normal month-end reporting (FMS 224, FMS 1219/ 1220) until they are reporting "the GWA way"

Eliminations Effort

Standard General Ledger (SGL) Information

- All IPAC transactions will be required to have both sender and receiver SGL data

- Receiver SGL will be required by Policy (TFM Guidance) and will not be a programmatic requirement. The transaction recipient will be required to supplement the initial IPAC transaction with the Receiver SGL within an established timeframe

OMB's IGTP Project

Dun and Bradstreet Numbers (DUNS Numbers)

- IPAC's on-line screens, reports and bulk file layout will be modified to include fields for sender and receiver DUNS numbers

- DUNS numbers will be optional in IPAC

- IPAC will not validate DUNS Numbers

Phases 1 and 2

Phase 1 – In production October 2003			
Sender TAS	Required		Re-certification required
Sender SGL	Required		
Sender DUNS	Optional	IGTP initiated transactions will contain both DUNS #, but not required from others	
Receiver DUNS	Optional		
Receiver TAS	Optional	IGTP initiated transactions will contain both sender and receiver TAS and SGL data	
Receiver SGL	Optional		
Phase 2 – In production April 2004			
Sender BETC	Optional	Sender and Receiver BETC fields will be added to the on-line screens in Phase 2 but will not be required until Phase 3.	Re-certification optional
Receiver BETC	Optional		
Receiver TAS	Optional		
Receiver SGL	Optional		

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Phase 3

Phase 3 – Date To Be Determined			
Sender BETC	Required	Required in support of the Governmentwide Modernization Project	
Receiver BETC	Required		
Receiver TAS	Required		
Receiver SGL*	Required	Required in support of the Governmentwide Eliminations Effort	

* Receiver SGL will be required by Policy (TFM Guidance) and will not be a programmatic requirement. The transaction recipient will be required to supplement the initial IPAC transaction with the Receiver SGL within an established timeframe.

RITS Transactions

RITS - <u>R</u>etirement and <u>I</u>nsurance <u>T</u>ransfer <u>S</u>ystem

- The IPAC RITS application is being modified to have payroll offices provide TAS, BETC and SGL data on a RITS profile screen

- The drawdown process is being revised to carry the sender and receiver TAS, BETC and SGL data from the RITS application to the IPAC transactions

TRACS Transactions

TRACS – <u>T</u>reasury <u>R</u>eceivable <u>A</u>ccounting & <u>C</u>ollection <u>S</u>ystem

- The TRACS application is being modified to provide sender and receiver TAS and BETC data on each IPAC transaction

- Sender SGL data will be provided for Check Forgery Insurance Fund (CFIF) transactions only

- The use of Consolidated transaction types will be discontinued

IPAC Mandate Proposal

Objective

- To transition Federal Agencies from current methods they are using for Intra-governmental transactions, ACH, EFT, 1081, Checks, etc, to using primarily the IPAC system for these transactions

- FMS will not preclude agencies from using Credit Card technology for cost efficient transactions

Possible Future Enhancements

- Electronic notification of IPAC transactions

- Agency name on transaction

- Uncertified IPAC transactions

- Ad hoc report capability

- Adjustments by the sender

- Accounting date cut-off prior to the last day of the month
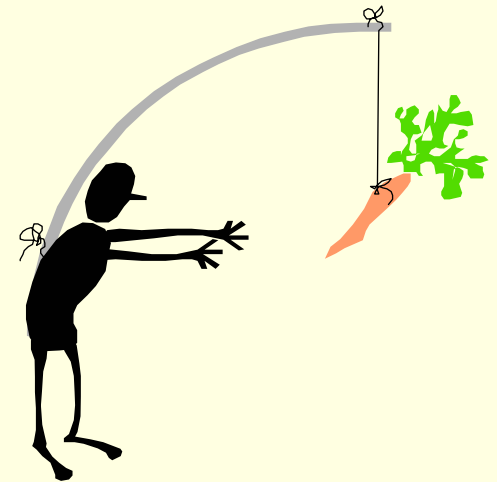
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- Intra-governmental Payment and Collection System (IPAC)
- Government-On Line Accounting Link System II (GOALSII)
- Governmentwide Accounting and Reporting Modernization (GWA Project)

Attend other FMS sessions

- "Governmentwide Accounting Modernization: FAQ from A to Z" on Monday 3:25pm – 4:15pm
- "The New Governmentwide Reporting System (GFRS)" on Wednesday 2:30pm – 3:45pm.

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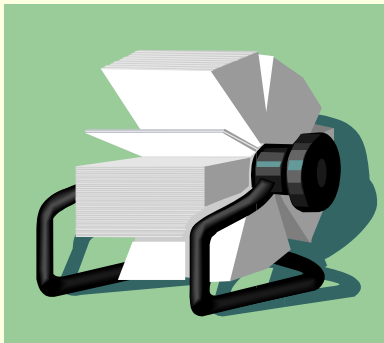|	
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